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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph on page 5 lines 19-31 with the following paragraph:

--Alternatively, the user may launch a web site directly from a local application as described in U.S. Application Serial Number 09/834,376, filed on April 13, 2001. The user must still, however, manually select the information from the web site and paste it into the local application. There are currently no mechanisms in place for the user to automatically load Internet content into a handheld Internet appliance and to automatically post Internet content displayed on a web site into another web site. In short, it can be inordinately difficult and time consuming for the PDA user to transfer information from the Internet into local applications in a handheld Internet appliance.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 8 lines 12-32 with the following paragraph:

--In a preferred embodiment, the systems and methods of the present invention involve three main software components: (1) a web site API; (2) a software plug-in; and (3) a user interface. The web site API is inserted into each web site from which users may transfer information to their local handheld Internet applications. The API invokes the software plug-in that implements the functions required to automatically load information from a web site into local databases of handheld Internet appliances or into other and to automatically post the information into another we site. The information that can be loaded from a particular web site is defined by the API inserted on that web site. The software plug-in also enables users to launch a web site directly from a local application as described in U.S. Application Serial Number 09/834,376, filed on April 13, 2001. In addition, the software plug-in automatically fills on-line forms on web sites with data stored in local handheld Internet appliance databases as described in U.S. Application Serial Number 09/834,379 filed on April 13, 2001.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 25 and ending on page 15, line 10 with the following paragraph:

--Software plug-in 27 implements the functions required to automatically transfer information from web site 23 into local databases in handheld Internet appliance 20, and to automatically post the information from web site 23 into another web site. Software plug-in 27 implements the following functions: (1) retrieves the information from web site 23 to be saved in handheld Internet appliance 20; (2) formats the information to be saved according to the local database to which the information is going to be transferred; (3) loads the formatted information into a local database in handheld Internet appliance 20; and (4) replaces parameters associated with the information on a web site's URL. In addition, software plug-in 27 enables users to launch a web site directly from a local application as described in U.S. Application Serial Number 09/834,376, filed on April 13, 2001, and to fill on-line forms on web sites with data stored in local handheld Internet appliance databases as described in U.S. Application Serial Number 09/834,379 filed on April 13, 2001.--

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